Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Sunday 19 Mar 2023 until 23:59 on Monday 20 Mar 2023

Forecast Issued on Saturday 18 Mar 2023 at 12:16 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for Sunday. High changeable weather early next week with rain at times and for a return to cold weather midweek.

Headline for Sunday 19 Mar 2023: Mainly dry and cold, snow spreading east in the evening

Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 19 Mar 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Medium Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow	Cloudy	Light snow	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Light snow	Light snow
Precipitation probability							
30%	30%	30%	10%	<05%	10%	60%	60%

Forecast for Sunday 19 Mar 2023

Weather: Variable amounts of cloud through the morning, a few light snow showers possible in the early hours. Otherwise dry for most of the day, high cloud spilling across from the west in the afternoon. Some patchy snow will spread from the west in the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70%

Low cloud and visibility: Excellent visibility with great air clarity outside of cloud. Patches of cloud down to 800 metres, although this extensive at first across the Cairngorms and Monadhliath. Quickly reducing visibility as lowering cloud and snow arrives in the evening, hill fog down to 600 to 800 metres developing quite widely.

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Forecast for Sunday 19 Mar 2023

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	25/32 NW	26/34 NW	23/31 NW	22/30 NW	10/15 NW	9/13 SW	10/14 S	15/19 S	16/21 S
900	18/23 W	18/24 NW	15/21 NW	15/20 NW	8/13 W	8/12 W	9/12 SW	8/11 SE	12/16 S
600	13/18 W	12/18 W	9/15 W	10/15 NW	7/11 W	6/10 W	6/9 SW	5/8 SE	5/9 SE
300	7/16 W	7/16 W	5/13 W	7/14 NW	6/11 W	5/10 W	4/8 SW	2/5 E	3/6 NE
Glen	4/17 W	4/19 W	3/13 W	4/14 NW	5/12 W	4/10 SW	3/8 SW	2/7 SE	2/6 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-3/-11	-4/-13	-5/-13	-5/-13	-4/-9	-3/-8	-4/-9	-4/-10	-4/-11
900	0/-6	-1/-7	-1/-8	-1/-8	-1/-5	0/-3	-1/-5	-1/-5	-1/-6
600	2/-2	2/-3	1/-3	1/-3	2/-1	3/1	2/-1	1/-2	1/-2
300	4/2	4/1	3/1	4/1	5/3	6/4	4/2	2/1	2/0
Glen	5/3	4/2	3/1	4/2	6/4	7/6	5/4	3/2	1/1
Freezing Level*	900m	700m	700m	600m	600m	700m	700m	700m	700m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
A much colder day than of late with sub-zero temperatures at 900 metres and above. Icy surfaces where rain and snow melt have occurred recently.

Forecast for Monday 20 Mar 2023
Weather: Any snow dying out in the early hours then a dry and overcast morning. Widespread rain will extend northeast through the afternoon, clearing away in the evening.

Maximum wind: Southeasterly 25 mph

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20%, best chance north of Aviemore later in the day

Low cloud and visibility: Extensive low cloud down to 500 to 800 metres with widely poor visibility throughout the day.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 3 rising to 8 Celsius
At 800m: 0 rising to 5 Celsius
Freezing level: 800 metres rising above summits

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